

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4 has been amended.

1. (Original) An electrical hand tool machine having a motor switch (2) formed as a button and a current regulator (4) having a soft-start input (5) including a branch current with a timing capacitor (6) arranged therein, said current regulator (4) is disposed in the current circuit of an electrical motor (3), wherein a current-direction-dependent element (7) is disposed between the soft-start input (5) and the capacitor (6).
2. (Original) The electrical hand tool machine of claim 1, wherein the current-direction-dependent element (7) is a diode.
3. (Original) The electrical hand tool machine of claim 1, wherein a timing resistor (8) is arranged parallel to the current-direction-dependent element (7).
4. (Currently Amended) The electrical hand tool machine of claim 1, wherein the discharge time constant (T_E) is in the range of time of from 0.1 to 1.0 seconds.